

Corporation (Eastern). Columbia states that to date seven shippers, representing 80 percent of the volumes through the facility, have entered into gathering agreements with Eastern and that Eastern intends to continue to offer the service to the remaining shippers.

Columbia states that this filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's "Order Approving Default Contract and Granting Abandonment Authority" dated August 2, 1996, Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 154, Subpart C of the Commission's Regulations. Columbia has proposed an effective date of August 1, 1997, for the transfer of the facilities and the termination of its service. At which time Eastern will initiate its service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before July 7, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-583-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 27, 1997.

Take notice that on June 16, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Company (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., West Virginia, 25314-1599 filed in Docket No CP97-583-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to relocate four points of delivery to New York State and Electric and abandon approximately 19.38 miles of ten-inch pipeline located

in Steuben and Schuyler Counties, New York, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person or the Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 76 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-602-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 27, 1997.

Take notice that on June 23, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP97-602-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain facilities in Arkansas and to construct and operate certain facilities in Arkansas to deliver gas to ARKLA, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corp (ARKLA), under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-384-000, *et al.*, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT proposes to replace and upgrade an existing tap on its Line AM-22 in Garland County, Arkansas, to provide

increased volumes to ARKLA's rural distribution lines. NGT states that the total estimated volumes to be delivered through these facilities is 8,000 MMBtu annually and 40 MMBtu on a peak day. In addition, NGT estimates the cost of this project to be \$2,802, of which ARKLA will reimburse NGT \$2,500.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-226-002]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

June 27, 1997.

Take notice that on June 25, 1997, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 163 and Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 167, to be effective May 1, 1997.

Questar states that the proposed tariff sheets clearly explain that firm storage customers may release their storage capacity, injection and withdrawal rights separately and also include approved interruptible storage service allocation language, as required by the February 12 order.

Questar explains further that it has clarified in this tariff filing the previously approved rates and billing units that are applicable to releases of independent components of storage service at Clay Basin.

Questar states that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers and affected public service commissions.